

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 28 September 2021

Staffing

Mr Gibson will leave the school staff as of the 1 November 2021. He has worked at Kyle Academy for 15 years and be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. His post is currently being covered by Mrs Hamilton and the permanent post will be advertised this week. We wish Mr Gibson all the best in the future and thank him for his contribution to the school.

S6 Leadership Team

Our S6 Leadership Team has now been appointed. This year's applicants were of a very high standard and it was a difficult decision. The interview panel comprised of the Head Teacher, two members of staff, last year's School Captains and MF from the Parent Council. They appointed a team of five Captains: Toby Nixon, Lucy Sutherland, Amy Bryden, Philip McPherson and Liam Mackie. The Captains have already begun to plan the Buddy programme for S1s and their committees for Prom, Year Book and Children in Need Charities Week.

They will be supported by our team of House Captains and prefects. We have a very strong group of young people leading the school this year.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council has reconvened after a disrupted year last session. They have recruited S1 and S2 pupils to represent their year groups on the Council and had their first meeting last week. The Pupil Council will be developing a positive behaviour initiative to recognise pupils who consistently work hard and demonstrate the school values.

Kyle Skills Academy

Our Skills Academy has started up again. It will run with selected groups of S2, S3 and S4 pupils, delivered by our staff and staff from Ayrshire College. All pupils will work towards SQA Personal Development award and the Prince's Trust Achieve award, both at SCQF level 5.

- Cyber Centurions – cyber security and ethical hacking (NPA at level 5 or 6) led by Computing dept
- Hospitality – Barista training
- Coaching Academy – NPA in Sport and Recreation or Team Sports (SCQF level 5) led by PE dept
- Beauty – hair styling and nail art
- Horticulture – gardening and forest schools led by our staff with Community Learning and Development

Senior Phase and UCAS Information Evening

This took place on Zoom on 7 September with over 80 families joining the event. We spoke about getting the most out of the Senior Phase and preparing for SQA assessments; shared information about UCAS including dates and deadlines and two of last year's pupils shared their stories and advice about applying to university. Feedback from those who attended was very positive.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 30 September – Information Evening for P7 Parents (on Zoom)

Thursday 7 and Friday 8 October – S1 Buddy Breakfast

Friday 8 October – school closes at 2.50pm for the October holiday

Monday 18 October – In-service day

Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 October – Flu Vaccine for all pupils and staff